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Philippines* and Rwanda:* draft resolution

Special rapporteur on laws that discriminate against women

The Commission on the Status of Women,

Recalling the undertaking made in the Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995,[1] to ensure equality and non-discrimination under the law and in practice[2] and the specific undertaking made in paragraph 232 (d) to revoke any remaining laws that discriminate on the basis of sex and remove gender bias in the administration of justice;

Noting the concern expressed in the further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted at the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,[3] that legislative and regulatory gaps, as well as lack of implementation and enforcement of legislation and regulations, perpetuate de jure as well as de facto inequality and discrimination, and in a few cases, new laws discriminating against women have been introduced[4] and the undertaking made therein to review domestic legislation with a view to striving to remove discriminatory provisions as soon as possible, preferably by 2005;[5]

Welcoming the progress that has been made in the implementation of this undertaking by the target date of 2005 while noting the need for further progress;

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* In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[2] Ibid., chap. IV.I, strategic objective I.2.

[3] General Assembly resolution S-2313, annex.

[4] Ibid., para. 27.

[5] Ibid., para. 68 (b).

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1. *Urges* Governments to intensify their efforts to revoke any remaining laws that discriminate on the basis of sex and to remove gender bias in the administration of justice, in accordance with the Beijing Platform for Action through the adoption of all appropriate means and measures at the national, regional and international levels;

2. *Decides* to consider at its fiftieth session the advisability of the appointment of a special rapporteur on laws that discriminate against women.